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#### Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is winding down, behind last year at 98 percent, but ahead of the five year average of 94 percent. Alfalfa is in mostly poor to fair condition. Harvesting is still active in some areas of the State. Sheeping-off is occurring in many areas. Range and pasture conditions vary from very poor to good. Last year at this time, 86 percent were very poor to poor. Currently, 32 percent are very poor to poor.

# **Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops**

This week Central Arizona growers shipped bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, kale, parsley, and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, Boston, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine lettuce, parsley, radicchio, spinach, and various citrus.

# **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			- Percent -		
Alfalfa	-	34	48	15	3
Range and Pasture	22	10	22	29	17

## **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.		
	- Percent -					
Cotton						
<ul> <li>Harvested</li> </ul>	96	92	98	94		

## **Weather Summary**

Temperatures were above average across the State for the week ending December 26, ranging from 5 degrees above normal at Paloma and Yuma to 13 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 78 degrees at Marana. The lowest readings at 16 degrees occurred at St. Johns. There was precipitation recorded in all of the 22 weather stations this week. The least was recorded in Willcox with 0.05 inches and the most was recorded at Flagstaff with 1.91 inches of precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 20, 2010 - December 26, 2010								
	Temperature				Precipitation			
					Past	Jan. 1	Departure	Percent
Station	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Week	to Date	From Normal	of Normal
Aguila	53	6	67	36	0.84	10.61	1.56	117
Buckeye	57	7	71	39	1.00	8.36	0.85	111
Canyon De Chelly	42	13	55	23	0.18	10.86	1.33	114
Coolidge	56	7	76	36	0.28	8.05	0.85	112
Douglas	52	8	72	22	0.07	9.83	-3.44	74
Flagstaff	35	7	46	19	1.91	27.16	4.71	121
Grand Canyon	37	12	46	20	0.70	17.27	-2.64	87
Kingman	50	9	61	35	0.98	8.21	-1.43	85
Marana	58	8	78	37	0.49	9.21	-0.98	90
Maricopa	55	7	74	35	0.08	7.86	1.15	117
Paloma	56	5	75	36	0.23	4.94	-0.81	86
Parker	56	6	70	37	0.55	4.91	1.46	142
Payson	46	8	59	26	1.06	20.91	-0.82	96
Phoenix	61	9	76	45	0.28	8.45	0.94	113
Prescott	44	9	57	26	1.04	14.45	-4.93	75
Roll	57	6	75	37	0.19	3.83	0.72	123
Safford	51	9	73	29	0.12	10.8	1.27	113
St. Johns	42	9	60	16	0.16	8.32	-2.97	74
Tucson	58	8	74	37	0.16	11	-0.85	93
Willcox	49	8	71	24	0.05	13.4	0.68	105
Winslow	44	13	60	25	0.11	6.77	-1.17	85
Yuma	60	5	72	43	0.17	4.02	0.91	129
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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